

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16



Fittleworth C E Village School

Summer Term 2025

Newsletter

Dear Parent and Carers,

As we come to the end of a vibrant and enriching summer term, I am delighted to share with you some of the wonderful experiences our pupils have enjoyed. This term has been full of opportunities for learning, exploration, and celebration, and I couldn't be prouder of how our children have embraced each moment.

ENRICHED OPPORTUNITIES

We began the term with a whole-school celebration of **VE Day**, a poignant occasion that allowed us to reflect on the sacrifices made by previous generations. Pupils gathered stories from their families and created a touching gallery of memories from World War I and II. It was a powerful reminder of our shared history and the importance of gratitude and remembrance.

Our **Year 1 and 2** pupils ventured out to **Arundel Castle** and **Littlehampton Beach**, linking beautifully with their history and geography curriculum. Travelling by train added to the excitement and made the days even more memorable.

Years 3, 4, and 5 had a fantastic time at **Legoland**, where they took part in STEM activities and enjoyed the rides. They also completed a **10km hike** along the Serpent Trail, navigating from Petworth back to school using their map skills and soaking in the stunning countryside.

Year 3 spent two days at **Goodwood**, engaging in forest school activities, visiting a farm, walking the Trundle, and exploring the racecourse. It was a rich and varied experience that brought their learning to life.

Year 4 explored **Fishbourne Roman Palace**, where they stepped into the shoes of Roman citizens and interacted with artefacts, deepening their understanding of ancient history.

Year 5 had an inspiring visit to the **Sky Skills Studio**, where they created a news broadcast on children's mental health. Their teamwork, creativity, and communication skills were truly impressive. They also joined other local schools for a **sports day at Midhurst Rother College**, showing great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Our **Year 6** pupils have been incredibly busy. They've been learning to play **pickleball**, visited **Goodwood** and **Littlehampton Beach** during SATs week, explored **Champs Hill**, and conducted a **river walk study**. Their energy and curiosity have been a joy to witness.

We were also proud to see our **Year 5 and 6 school councillors** visit **Chichester Chambers**, where they met with other school councils and participated in a debate, gaining valuable insight into civic life.

Our **Reception class** had a thrilling visit from the **Reptyle Man**, bravely handling snakes, geckos, and blue-tongued lizards. Their courage and curiosity were truly commendable.

ENRICHED OPPORTUNITIES CONTINUED...

Emma, our fantastic Forest School leader, has had a brilliant time working with children in Year R, 2, 3, and 6. The pupils have embraced the outdoors with enthusiasm—exploring nature, crafting, building dens, and even cooking over open fires. These sessions have not only been fun but have also helped develop resilience, creativity, and teamwork.

A particularly proud and poignant moment this term was the **Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral**. It was a moving celebration of our pupils' time at school and a fitting way to mark the beginning of their next chapter. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved.

We were also delighted to be part of the **Petworth Arts Festival** last week. A number of our pupils had their artwork selected for display in the gallery—an exciting opportunity and a wonderful recognition of their talent and hard work.

RESIDENTIALS

Cobnor Outdoor Activity Centre – Years 4 & 5

Our Year 4 and 5 pupils spent three fantastic days at Cobnor Outdoor Activity Centre, nestled in a truly idyllic setting. The children threw themselves into a wide range of outdoor pursuits including sailing, kayaking, canoeing, climbing, archery, aeroball, and orienteering. It was a joy to see them challenge themselves, support one another, and grow in confidence. Their enthusiasm and behaviour were exemplary, and they were a pleasure to spend time with.

New Forest Adventure – Year 6

Year 6 embarked on their own adventure to the New Forest, travelling in our school minibus for a fun-packed few days. Highlights included visits to the Beaulieu Motor Museum, the New Forest Wildlife Park, Buckler's Hard, and BattleZone. The children also enjoyed kayaking along the beautiful Beaulieu River and had a thrilling time at Splashdown Waterpark. Their energy and excitement were infectious, and they represented our school with pride throughout the trip.

These experiences are more than just fun—they help build resilience, teamwork, and independence. I'm incredibly proud of all our pupils and grateful to the staff who made these trips possible.

SPORTS EVENTS

This term, our pupils have continued to shine on the sports field, proudly representing our school at a variety of events. We are committed to working closely with local schools to provide our children with a wide range of sporting opportunities, and we're excited to continue building on this next year.

A particular highlight was the performance of our football team at the **Stedham Football Tournament** in June. The team played with great skill and determination, going unbeaten and not conceding a single goal until the semi-final. In a nail-biting finish, they narrowly missed out on a place in the final, losing 2–1 in the last moments of the game. We are incredibly proud of their efforts—well done, team!

PTA

Keystage 2 Fun Run

This term, our Keystage 2 pupils took part in a fun run through the woods. It was a joyful event, and the children showed great enthusiasm and determination. Thanks to their efforts and your generous support, they raised money through sponsorship and were each awarded a medal for their fantastic participation.

Summer Fete Success

Our summer fete was a huge success, raising over **£3,000!** A heartfelt thank you to the PTA, parents, and staff who helped organise and run the event. From stalls and music to maypole dancing and a colourful run to finish, it was a day full of fun and community spirit.

Golden Ticket Rewards

Throughout the term, our golden ticket winners have been enjoying their well-earned rewards. These included lunch at the shop, milkshake and cake with the Headteacher, being Head for the morning, and extra playtime and board games. It's been a joy to see the children's excitement and pride in their achievements.

A Special Thank You to Bea

A special mention goes to **Bea**, who took on the role of Headteacher for the morning with maturity and dedication. Bea even helped write this newsletter—thank you, Bea, for your excellent contribution!

OFSTED

Following our recent Ofsted visit, we have been working closely with the Governing Body and West Sussex County Council to implement a robust and forward-thinking **School Development Plan**. This plan is designed to build on our strengths and address key areas for improvement, ensuring that every child at our school receives the best possible education and support.

As we begin the new term, we are excited to share with you the details of our development plan for the coming year. We are confident that, with your continued support, we can make meaningful progress and create even more opportunities for our pupils to flourish—academically, socially, and emotionally.

UNIFORM

We have recently noticed a number of pupils not adhering to our school uniform policy. As we prepare for the new academic year, I kindly ask that you take a moment over the summer break to ensure your child has the correct uniform, including both formal and PE kit.

To help with this, we have attached our **Uniform Policy**, which outlines expectations regarding:

Sock colour
Jewellery
Footwear (including trainers)
Collared white polo shirts

We appreciate your support in maintaining high standards and ensuring all pupils return in September ready to learn and dressed appropriately.

SAFEGUARDING OVER THE SUMMER

We are always here to support families so please do contact me on dsl@fittleworth.school if you have any safeguarding concerns over the summer period.

If you feel that any child is at significant risk of harm please contact the Integrated Front Door immediately at:

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/keeping-children-safe/request-support-or-raise-a-concern-about-a-child/>

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Wednesday 3rd September- **INSET** day

Thursday 4th September – **Start of the Autumn Term** for all pupils

Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October- Autumn Half term Holiday

Monday 3rd November- **INSET Day**

Please do contact the office if you have any queries or concerns. We are always happy to help!

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As we approach the end of the summer term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the academic year. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils grow, learn, and thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Kind Regards

Mrs Burnett